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Childrens' TV MM Docket No. ~~93-94~~
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W. , Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sir /Madam:

It is difficult to say and hard to admit that television programs today for our children are more violent and less educational than the television programs that I used to watch as a child.

I am 32 years old and mother of three children. Their ages are seven, five and three. Some of the television programs geared toward our children have such negative messages that they even threaten my family tranquility. I started to notice that when my three years old boy in his play used phrases such as, "I will kill you with a gun. I killed you already.", and others aggressive expressions; it alarmed me. Then I realized that he was just repeating phrases listened from the television. My first step as a mother was to cancel all violent and none educational children programs, according to my evaluation. Now my children are allowed to watch only some programs such as "Sesame Street", "Barney and Friends" and "Lamb Chop's Play Along". But, to do that I have to record all these programs in the morning daily on a video cassette recorder to watch them later, because only two of them are presented in the afternoon.

It is true that at least we have two channels we can learn from, Channel 2 and Channel 17 (both public television); however, while I have only two channels to choose from, there are much more channels with no recommended children's programs in my personal opinion. The competition is clearly unfair.

It is well known that our children spend much time home alone without supervision, and that they are no mature enough to be able to select the right television program for them to watch. Consequently, it is in the adult's hands the solution of this issue. Why can't television present exercise programs for parents and children together? It could be an excellent way to relax and to burn some calories together.

Let's give to our children more variety and more selections among instructive programs on more channels. The beneficiaries will be not only our children, but also parents and the society in general and at large.

Sincerely,



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